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AMENDMENT UNDER ARTICLE 11
OF THE LAW
(PCT ARTICLE 34)

AMENDMENT (AMENDMENT UNDER ARTICLE 11 OF THE LAW)

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1 Indication of the International Application

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4 Item to be amended

"Claims"

5 Subject Matter of Amendment

(1) Claim 1 is amended as follows.

-- 1. A fluorine-containing elastomeric terpolymer of 30 to 85 % by mole of ethylene unit, 14.9 to 45 % by mole of hexafluoropropylene unit and 0.1 to 25 % by mole of vinylidene fluoride unit (excluding a composition of 35 % by mole of ethylene unit, 40 % by mole of hexafluoropropylene unit and 25 % by mole of vinylidene fluoride unit). --

(2) Claims 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7 are deleted.

(3) Claim 5, Line 2: "or 2" is deleted.

(4) Claim 9 is amended as follows.

-- 9. The fluorine-containing elastomeric terpolymer of any of Claims 1, 5 and 8, wherein a number average molecular weight of the terpolymer is from 5,000 to 500,000 based on polystyrene. --

(5) Claim 10, Line 1: "to 9" is amended to -- , 5, 8 and 9 --.

6 List of Attached Document

Amended pages of Claims
(Pages 35 and 36)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In the Article 34 Amendment, please renumber pages 35 and 36 as pages 36 and 37, respectively. In the specification, please renumber page 39 (Abstract) as page 38.

Prior to examination, and following entry of the Article 34 Amendment, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

9. (Twice amended) The fluorine-containing elastomeric terpolymer of Claim 1, wherein a number average molecular weight of the terpolymer is from 5,000 to 500,000 based on polystyrene.

10. (Twice amended) A composition for vulcanization which comprises the fluorine-containing elastomeric terpolymer of Claim 1 and a vulcanizing agent.